



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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June 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

Have a great summer. Watch your email for updates on our meetings for the 2021-2022 season.

Highlights from the June Meeting:

Called to order at 7:35 by club president, David Spoelstra, N9KT.

There were 24 in attendance.

Introductions: KD9SRG, Joe Heller, is a new General class ham. Rick Elliot, N9LAA, recently upgraded to General. Congratulations to both.

Announcements: David announced that the club will be joining in the Indy United Field Day team for Field Day activities on June 26 and 27 at “Camp Victor”, 6675 Red Day Road, Martinsville, IN 46151. For more information on the Indy United Field Day team, contact Brian Smith, W9IND, at bdsmith@indy.net. David also reminded everyone that the club will have a presence at the upcoming Indy hamfest, and volunteers are needed to man the Club’s info tables at the hamfest. Contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, at ken.kj9b@gmail.com to volunteer. David reminded those present that dues of \$20 are payable via PayPal at treasurer@indyradioclub.org (see note in this newsletter for more details). Next, Ken Bandy gave a Treasurer’s update, stating that the club is set up with Kroger on their “Community Rewards” program. [See more later in this newsletter for

details on how to set this up.] Ken is also working to get the club eligible for the “Amazon Smile” program. This is a lengthy process with many hoops to jump through. David announced that the club is planning on resuming in-person meetings with our September meeting. Watch your email for announcements regarding the details of this. He also reminded everyone that elections for club officers will occur as usual in November, and that a Board of Director position is a perfect place to get started in “giving back” to the club.

Next, David introduced this evening’s speaker, Will Jourdain, AA4WJ, Sales Rep from Icom, to talk about Icom’s new IC-705 HF plus 2 meter/70 cm “pack radio”. Will said many features on the IC-705 are the same as the IC-7300. One of the nice features about the 705 is it’s SD card capability, allowing for easy “cloning”. Being an Icom, the IC-705 is capable of D-Star operation. Bluetooth connectivity for input/output devices and WiFi for networking is included in the 705. Also, the radio can be controlled via WiFi. After Will’s informative talk on the IC-705, he fielded several questions from those in attendance about several Icom products.

After Will’s presentation, a drawing from IRC members in attendance was held for 8 Icom Swag bags.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Ham Radio News:

CLUB DUES ARE DUE, AND PAYABLE VIA PAYPAL NOW!

Club Dues for 2021 are due now. Individual dues are \$20 per year, or Family dues are \$30 per year (all family members need to live in the same household). Dues can be paid with PayPal at treasurer@indyradioclub.org. Be sure to send the payment as a “friend”, **not for** “goods and services”. This will prevent any fees being assessed to the payment. For those that don’t have a PayPal account, you can send a check made out to “Indianapolis Radio Club” to Ken Bandy, 7405 E. County Road 900 N, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

IRC FINISHES 4TH IN INQP CLUB COMPETITION

The Indianapolis Radio Club finished 4th in the Indiana QSO Party Club Competition, with 126990 combined points, behind the Fort Wayne Radio Club with 934620 combined points, the Lafayette DX Association with 328332 combined points, and the Goshen Amateur Radio Club with 268126 combined points.

THE “WELCOME NET” CONTINUES TO WELCOME NEW HAMS

In the 7 weeks that the “Welcome Net” has been active, there have been a total of 285 check ins, with 124 unique calls. The nets have been consistently lasting right around an hour.

As a reminder, the “Welcome Net” is open to anyone, with check ins for established hams taken after the new hams. So, everyone feel free to join the “Welcome Net”, meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm, on the W9WIN linked repeater system. For those in Marion County that check in to the weekly ARES net, just slide on over to the KB9SGN repeater (W9WIN system repeater for Marion County, at 444.325, with 136.5 tone) after you check in to the ARES net.

INDIANAPOLIS HAMFEST AND STATE CONVENTION

The 50th Indianapolis Hamfest will be held July 9 & 10 at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The ARRL Indiana State Convention will be held in conjunction with the Hamfest. Check <http://indyhamfest.com/> for more details.

IRC AND THE UPCOMING INDY HAMFEST

The Indianapolis Radio Club will have a few tables at the Indianapolis Hamfest coming up July 9, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and July 10, from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm. Currently, we plan to have the following tables that will need to be manned:

- A general display about the club, with handouts regarding the club.
- An HF station set up as a demo and special event station making contacts for W9JP.
- The prize drum for the hamfest.

It would be great if we could have 3 to 4 people available to man these tables during the opening hours of the hamfest. These folks don't have to commit to the whole run, just an hour or two at a time would be great. Please contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B, at ken.kj9b@gmail.com if you can help.

IRC ELIGIBLE FOR KROGER “COMMUNITY REWARDS”

The Indianapolis Radio Club has been approved as a Kroger Community Rewards Organization. This means that if you go to <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>, after logging into your account, search for either “Indianapolis Radio Club” or the club’s organization number of “GE677”, you can designate the Indianapolis Radio Club to be your chosen Community Rewards Not for Profit organization. When you do this, the club will receive a percentage of your purchases (with the exception of certain types of purchases, as spelled out on the web page).

Please consider making the Indianapolis Radio Club your Community Rewards Organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ken Bandy, KJ9B at treasurer@indyradioclub.org.

CONTEST HOTEL FOR HAMVENTION MOVING FOR 2022

In May 2022, official Contesting activities will be at the Hope Hotel, including four nights of the Contest Super Suite, Contest University, The Top Band Dinner, The Contest Dinner and the KC DX Club CW copying competition. There may be additional related events as well. This reflects a move from the former Dayton Crowne Plaza, now the Radisson Hotel Dayton. The Hope Hotel is located adjacent to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

3Y0J DXPEDITION TO BOUVET ISLAND CANCELED

From an email from N6PSE and LA7GIA:

“We regret to inform you of the following news.

The global pandemic has impacted the expedition charter vessel business very hard; this includes the venerable RV Braveheart which has provided outstanding safety and service to many DXpeditions. As you know, we had signed a contract with Braveheart for 3Y0J.

Today, we were informed that Braveheart will be sold. As a result, Nigel Jolly will no longer be associated with the ship, our contract with the ship has been cancelled and our deposit will be refunded. This is a very disappointing development to all involved.

At this time, we are cancelling the 3Y0J Dxpedition. We have ceased accepting donations and we will begin refunding 100% of the donations using the same method they were received, i.e., PayPal, cash or check. This process will take several weeks to sort out, so please be patient.

We wish to thank our team for putting their trust in us. We wish to thank all of the donors and sponsors that gave generously to this project. We will continue to research other ships and possibly find another suitable vessel for a future project.”

*[As of now, the 3Y0I Rebel DX Team DXpedition to Bouvet is still on for the end of 2021.
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SHACK TOUR: K9RU

Continuing in our newly re-started series of shack tours, this month we tour Jim Rinehart, K9RU's stations. (That's right, *stations!*) Here is Jim's description:

My main station is upstairs in the living room and is set up for FT8 and contesting. I have a Icom IC-765 PRO III, Heathkit SB220 amp for HF and 6M.
I have a Yaesu FT-736 with 100 watt amps for 144 MHz, 222MHz and 432 MHz FT8, SSB and CW.

In the basement I have my collection stations that I use for casual phone operations: Heathkit SB102 and SB1000 amp, Heathkit SB-104A and National NCL2000 amp, Hallicrafter SR500, Recent RS-918 and a 50 watt amp (also use it portable) and Knight T-60 transmitter and R4A receivers (mid 60s novice CW station) plus a Heathkit Sixer.

I have a modified Butternut vertical for Hf and chimney mounted beams for VHF.

I enjoy restoring and using the older ham gear.

Jim K9RU





If you want to share your shack, or mobile installation, send me photos and notes for inclusion in our next newsletter.

UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)

Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Sponsor: PCAUXCOM

Date: Jun 26 2021

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: George E. Edenfield

Email: gedenfield@yahoo.com

VEC: LAUREL VEC

Location: Putnam Cty EOC

1600 W County Road 225 S

TECHNICAN TESTING ONLY!!!

Bring pencils masks calculator

Greencastle IN 46135-7587

Bloomington IN 47401

Sponsor: bloomington amt Radio Club Inc

Date: Jul 10 2021

Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: William F. Wootton

(812) 876-8689

Email: wfwootton@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: COVID-19 OUTDOOR SESSIONS

2800 E Rogers Rd

Bloomington IN 47401

Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA

Date: Jul 17 2021

Time: 10:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)

Contact: Joe March

(317) 224-9433
Email: jmarch54@att.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hamilton Cty Emer Operations Ctr
18100 Cumberland Rd
Sheriff's Campus Training Room
CALL AHEAD
Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Jul 20 2021
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Rushville IN 46173-1846
Sponsor: ARRL
Date: Jul 24 2021
Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: Michael Dwight. Elder
Email: wj9e42@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Rushville Public Library
130 W 3rd St
Rushville IN 46173-1846
Website: Must have FRN ahead of time! Contact by E-Mail WJ9E42@yahoo.com

Bloomington IN 47401
Sponsor: bloomington amt Radio Club Inc
Date: Aug 07 2021
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: COVID-19 OUTDOOR SESSIONS
2800 E Rogers Rd
Bloomington IN 47401

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP
Date: Aug 14 2021
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Register or Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Aug 17 2021
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the June-July, 1961 Club Newsletter:

K9LZJ, Hank has been putting out a beefed up signal on the 50.7 AREC net on Tuesday evenings. What'd you do Hank? We admire the enthusiasm Hank is putting into his job as Emergency Coordinator for Marion County.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Indianapolis Hamfest: July 9-10, 2021 Watch <http://indyhamfest.com/> for more info.
- East Central Indiana Hamfest: July 31, in Winchester. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest> for details.
- Hendricks County Tailgate: August 14, in Avon. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/hendricks-county-tailgate-fest> for info.
- Cincinnati Hamfest and W8DXCC: August 28. Owensville, OH. Go to <https://cincinnatihamfest.org/> for more info.
- W9DXCC Convention: Sept. 10 (DX and Contest Universities) and Sept. 11 (Convention and Banquet), in Naperville, IL. Go to <https://w9dxcc.com/> for more details.

2021 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – president@indyradioclub.org
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - vp@indyradioclub.org
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - secretary@indyradioclub.org
- Treasurer: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - treasurer@indyradioclub.org
- Chief Operator: OPEN
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – board@indyradioclub.org
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- Dir. at large: Jeff Hammer, N9NIC - board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: George Taylor, KC9IKD - board@indyradioclub.org
- Dir. at large: Kyle Bandy, KC9GLR - board@indyradioclub.org
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